

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 12.

The fixing member 16 includes a disc-like head portion 16a larger than a width of the tilt groove 12 on the left side in FIG. 1, an angular-pole-like tilt guided portion 16b engaging with and thus guided along within the tilt groove 12a, a male screw portion 16c screwed into a screw through-hole 13e formed in the left-half tension member 13ea of the tension member 13, and an angular-pole-like telescopic guided portion 16d engaging with and thus guided along within the telescopic groove on the left side in FIG. 1.

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An outer column 21 has a cylindrical portion 21a, a pair of arm portions 21b (which are car body fitting portions of which only one is shown in FIG. 3) extending from the cylindrical portion 21a towards the left in FIG. 2, and a pair of flange portions 21c, 21d disposed at some interval in the axis-direction shown in FIG. 3 along an

outer periphery of the right side end portion of the cylindrical portion 21a in FIG. 2. The cylindrical portion 21a embraces the inner column 11, and a side end portion of the arm portion 21b so supported by a support member 22 on the unillustrated car body as to be capable of swinging about a pivotal support point 0. The tension member 13 is disposed between the flange portions 21c, 21d serving as a pressing portion. Note that the cylindrical portion 21a is formed with a pair of slits 21e (appearing more exaggerated than in reality) in positions apart through 90 degrees from the fixing members 16, 17 so as to split the flange portions 21c, 21d from the right side ends thereof as shown in FIGS. 3 and 4.

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Moreover, considering a case in which the outer column 21" and the inner column 11' relatively slide on each other, there is needed an accurate design work about an inside diameter of the outer column 21" and an outside diameter of the inner column 11', which slide on each other. According to a construction that the entire inner and outer peripheral surfaces of the two columns 21" and 11' slide on each other,

however, it is difficult to conduct highly accurate dimensional control over the whole thereof. As a result, the slide resistance might increase, and a backlash might occur. By contrast, as in the fourth embodiment, when the outer peripheral surface of the inner column 11' is retained only by the ~~retained~~retainer 41 and the diameter-reduced portion 21h", the highly accurate design work about only the sliding portions thereof may suffice, and the dimensional management can be facilitated.